



1 April 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chairman, USIB Information  
Handling Committee

SUBJECT : Inventory of Community Information  
Handling Systems (CIHS)

1. This is to request that the IHC undertake an updating of the CIHS Inventory. It would be useful if the Committee were to (1) define terms (network, system, data base, file, etc.) and interrelationships which exist among defined terms; (2) provide block diagrams of inventory entities, as appropriate; (3) include descriptions of network communications capabilities, i.e., bandwidth, modulation, frequency, etc.; (4) determine whether more useful system-type descriptions are feasible. If you convene the IHC, I would like to discuss this request with the members.

2. I recommend that the Committee consider whether annual updating of the CIHS Inventory is adequate vice the current semi-annual requirement. I would appreciate the results by 1 May.



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the Director

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